Welcome

Congratulations on your purchase of the Roland RD-300GX. This TurboStart contains step-by-step instructions that will quickly introduce you the RD-300GX's major features.

Playing the Demo Songs

There are three demo songs in the RD-300GX. Use the following procedure to play them:

1. While holding down SPLIT, press DUAL.
2. Press DEC/INC to select the desired song.
3. To begin playback, press ENTER.
4. To stop playback, press EXIT.
5. Press EXIT again to return to the main display.

Selecting Sounds

The RD-300GX's categories make it easy to select tones. Use the following procedure to select a tone:

1. Press PIANO in the ONE TOUCH area.
2. Press a TONE SELECT button to select a tone category such as PIANO or ORGAN.
3. Press INC or DEC to choose a tone within the selected category.

Note: *The number of additional tones within each category varies. For instance, the PIANO category has 12 tones, while the RHY/GM2 category has 270.*

Tip: *The RD-300GX remembers the tone you last selected in each group. This is a great way to assign a favorite sound to each TONE SELECT button.*

Layering Tones

Here's how to layer two tones on the RD-300GX:

1. Press the DUAL button so it's lit.
2. Press ZONE SELECT so the UPPER 1 indicator is lit.
3. Press a TONE SELECT button and use the DEC/INC buttons to select the desired tone for the first layered sound.
4. Press ZONE SELECT so the UPPER 2 indicator is lit.
5. Press a TONE SELECT button and use the DEC/INC buttons to select the desired tone for the second layered sound.

Note: *You can now use the UPPER 1 and UPPER 2 sliders in the ZONE LEVEL/CONTROL area to control the level of the two sounds.*

6. Press DUAL so it's not lit to exit Layer mode.

Splitting the Keyboard

Use the following procedure to split the keyboard:

1. Press the SPLIT button so it's lit.
2. Press ZONE SELECT so the UPPER 1 indicator is lit.
3. Press a TONE SELECT button and use the DEC/INC buttons to select the desired tone for the right-hand side of the keyboard.
4. Press ZONE SELECT so the LOWER indicator is lit.
5. Press a TONE SELECT button and use the DEC/INC buttons to select the desired tone for the left-hand side of the keyboard.

Note: *To change the keyboard's split point, press and hold SPLIT for several seconds to display the Split Point menu. While continuing to hold SPLIT, press the key at which you want the new split point to occur.*

6. Press SPLIT so it's not lit to exit Split Mode.

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Transposing the Keyboard

Here's how to transpose the keyboard:

1. Hold down the TRANSPOSE button to display the current transpose value.
2. While holding down the TRANSPOSE button, use the DEC/INC buttons to set the desired transposition amount.

Note: *While holding TRANSPOSE, you can also press a key that's the desired number of semitone steps below or above Middle C to set the transposition amount.*

3. Release the TRANSPOSE button.
4. To turn off Transpose, press TRANSPOSE again so it's not lit.

Using the Built-In Rhythms

The RD-300GX has 200 internal rhythm patterns. To play a rhythm pattern, use the following procedure:

1. Press SONG/RHYTHM.
2. Press INC so the screen displays "RHY."
3. To select different rhythm patterns, hold EXIT/SHIFT and use the DEC/INC buttons to move the cursor to the bottom line of the display. Then use the DEC/INC buttons to select the desired rhythm pattern.
4. Press ENTER to start playback.
5. Press ENTER again to stop playback.
6. Press EXIT to return to the main display.

Storing a Setup

The RD-300GX has 32 memory locations in which you can store your favorite keyboard setups. Use the following procedure to store a setup:

1. Press WRITE so it's lit.
2. To name your setup, hold EXIT/SHIFT and use the DEC/INC buttons to move the cursor.
3. Release the SHIFT button and use the DEC/INC buttons to select the desired characters.
4. Press ENTER.
5. Use the DEC/INC buttons to select the desired location from 1 to 32 in which to save your setup.
6. Press ENTER to display "Are You Sure?"

Warning: *The setup currently stored in the selected location will be overwritten.*

7. Press ENTER to display "Executing."
8. The display returns to normal when the writing procedure is completed.

Recalling a Setup

Use the following procedure to load a previously saved setup:

1. Press SETUP in the ONE TOUCH area.
2. Use the TONE SELECT buttons or the DEC/INC buttons to select the desired setup.

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